

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is devoted to the total support of agriculture in Kansas. While we must fulfill our statutory obligations, the department is dedicated to providing support and assistance to make Kansas farms, ranches and agribusinesses successful and help them grow if that is their desire. We also encourage more farms, ranches and other agriculture business to expand in or relocate to Kansas. This checklist will help guide you through various resources and requirements for opening and operating a typical Kansas dairy farm. In addition to license requirements by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, other Kansas agencies as well as local or federal government agencies may have regulatory requirements to follow. Contact your local planning authority to ensure you follow all local business development laws, rules, regulations and guidelines. This guide is designed to assist you as you work to build and operate a successful dairy farm in Kansas.

✓	Department	Description	Renewal
	Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC)*	The KSBDC is a network of service centers located throughout Kansas offering business consulting to small businesses. Call 800-452-6727 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Office of the Secretary of State	Complete the appropriate business entity filings and forms required by the Kansas Secretary of State. Call 785-296-4564 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Department of Revenue	Visit the Department of Revenue website to find important business tax information . Call 785-368-8222 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Department of Agriculture, Dairy Inspection Program	All dairy farms, milk processors and milk distributors must be licensed. An initial application form must be filled out prior to becoming licensed. An application for a dairy producer farm permit is included in the Grade A Producer Information Packet . Detailed plans of the milking facility and cattle housing areas must be submitted to KDA for approval. Contact the Dairy Inspection Program for a complete list of applicable licensing requirements at 785-564-6761.	Valid until a change in ownership
	Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health	Operations with more than 1,000 head must complete a Confinement Facility License application. For a dairy genetic sale or any other occasional sale of livestock, complete the Occasional Sales Application . Interstate shipment of livestock requires official identification and certificate of veterinary inspection or other documentation. Consult the Division of Animal Health Import and Export Regulations and Animal Disease Control and Traceability for a complete list of requirements, or call 785-564-6601.	Prior to July 1 — Prior to shipment of livestock
	Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources (DWR)	The state of Kansas requires a permit for water used for stockwatering. Stockwatering is the watering of livestock and other uses of water directly related to the operation of a feedlot with the capacity to confine 1,000 or more head of cattle; or any other confined livestock operation that would divert 15 or more acre-feet (4.88 million gallons of water) per calendar year. Any group of feedlots or confined feeding operations may be considered to be one operation if there are common feeding or other physical facilities and the group of facilities is under common management. Review the Kansas Water Law Basics . Visit the Water Appropriation Forms and complete the Application for Permit to Appropriate Water for Beneficial Use and the Stockwater Use Supplemental Sheet. For more information on water use, visit the DWR website or call 785-564-6640.	Yearly Report of water use, March 1st
	Department of Agriculture, Pesticide & Fertilizer	If the dairy will apply effluent to crops by blending effluent with fresh water through an irrigation system, a chemigation user's permit will be required. Visit the Chemigation webpage for additional requirements, or call 785-564-6688.	Prior to chemigating, January 1
	Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures	No license is needed from Weights and Measures, but a dairy farm with scales must hire a licensed service company to test the scales once annually if the scales are utilized for any commercial transaction. Visit the Weights & Measures website for more information, or call 785-564-6681.	Annual service
	Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water, Livestock Waste Management Section	Any facility that confines more than 300 animal units or has a daily discharge must register with KDHE. Animal units can be calculated on the registration form. The need for additional permits and nutrient management plans will be determined based upon the number of animal units and pollution potential. Review the Regulatory Guidance for Large Dairy Operations handbook. Additional requirements may exist if a facility of any size is considering composting. Contact Livestock Waste Management at 785-296-6432 for more information.	Prior to construction

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	Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water, Industrial Program Section	An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit is required only if one or more acres are disturbed during construction. The permit is required prior to the start of soil disturbing activities (construction). Contact 785-296-5549 for more information.	Prior to construction
	Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water, Municipal Program Section	If the facility will employ an on-site wastewater treatment system for human wastewater rather than utilize a municipal sanitary sewer for handling and disposal of sewage from the facility, contact the KDHE Municipal Program Section at 785-296-5527 for construction and permitting requirements.	Prior to construction
	Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water, Public Water Supply & Geology Sections	If the facility will not utilize a municipal public water supply or rural water supply as the source of human drinking water and the facility will serve 25 people or more per day, 60 or more days per year, it will be considered a public water supply subject to State/Federal drinking water requirements. Contact the KDHE Public Water Supply Section at 785-296-5514. Water wells shall be constructed by Kansas-licensed water well contractors. There are special construction requirements for water wells, serving public water supplies. Contact the KDHE Geology Section at 785-296-5560 for more information.	Prior to construction
	Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Environmental Remediation, Storage Tank Section	Entities operating their own fuel tanks may be required to registered with KDHE. Review information about aboveground storage tanks (AST) and underground storage tanks (UST) . Review the KDHE Storage Tank Section website for further information, or call 785-296-1678 for permitting information. *The Kansas Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) has AST program highlights and registration requirements in addition to assistance with UST inventory control .	Prior to installing tanks, Annual Renewal August 1
	Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Air	Gasoline dispensing facilities are subject to federal air regulation. A guidance document is available to assist in determining regulator requirements. Contact the KDHE, Bureau of Air , at 785-296-1570 for additional information.	Prior to dispensing fuel
	Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism	Projects that involve public funds, government assistance, require another state or federal permit, or potentially affect a current listed species or its critical habitat need an environmental review . Call 620-672-5911 for more information.	Prior to construction

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This guide is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of requirements for operating a Kansas agribusiness entity. Please contact the appropriate agencies or organizations for specific requirements applicable to your business.

** Indicates that the information listed is merely a useful resource and not a requirement for operating the business*

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